

# Bright Spot

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On Tuesday, February 18, nearly 300 members of the FFA across Idaho came to Boise for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cenarrusa FFA Day on the Hill**. The event, sponsored by Idaho Cooperative Council, was held to equip high school students with an understanding of public policy. The event honors former **Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa** for his over 52 years of service as a public servant to the State of Idaho. His first career following college graduation was that of an agriculture instructor at Cambridge, Carey and Glens Ferry high schools.

During the ICC/FFA Legislative Appreciation Breakfast, three distinguished state leaders were recognized by the Idaho FFA Association with the Honorary State FFA Degree.

**SENATOR BERT MARLEY:** Senator Marley has been a teacher at Marsh Valley High School for 19 years, teaching classes in German, Greek Mythology and English. In 2001, Senator Marley received the Idaho Association of Teachers of Language and Culture – Teacher of the Year Award. In addition to the classroom, Mr. Marley also is the cross-country coach. He has worked for DuPont Chemical Company and as the Bannock County Weed Control Supervisor. He is active in his church and enjoys running and physical training. Senator Marley is a strong advocate for education funding and worked to continue implementation of academic achievement standards in local school districts. Senator Marley represents District 29.

**REPRESENTATIVE BURT STEVENSON:** Rep. Stevenson represents District 26. He attended Ricks College after graduation from Rupert High School. He served in the US Army followed by a mission for his church in Canada. Rep. Stevenson has held leadership positions for the Minidoka Irrigation District, East End Fire District and served as a county commissioner before being elected to the legislature. The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce named him “Farmer of the Year”. He has been active in his community in a number of leadership roles including the Minidoka County Farm Bureau.

**CONGRESSMAN BUTCH OTTER:** Congressman Otter grew up on a dairy farm in Canyon County and was an active member of the 4-H. He received a degree in Political Science from Albertson’s College and served honorably in the 116<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry of the Idaho Army National Guard. In his 30 years of business, he rose to the presidency of the Simplot Livestock and Simplot International. Rep. Otter holds the honor of being Idaho’s only four-term Lt. Governor. He recently won his second election and opportunity to represent the people of Idaho from the First Congressional District. Otter has held a number of leadership roles and participated with the National Rifle Association, Safari Club, Ducks Unlimited, Idaho Cowboys Association and the American Legion.

In presenting awards to these three political leaders, the State FFA Officers said, “*We look to you for counsel and guidance. It is because of the great respect we have for you that you have been elected to honorary membership*”.

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